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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

MILLIGAN, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/688,205

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Filed: October 16, 2000

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For: LOCATION FOR GENERALLY RECTANGULAR SHAPED
OBJECTS IN AN IMAGE

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May 31, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert as the first sentence following the title:

Related Application Data

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional application no. 60/193,887 entitled A METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC CHARACTERIZATION OF RECTANGULAR BODIED SURFACE MOUNT DEVICES, filed March 31, 2000.